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GERMANS FIGHTING HARD.

Thought That New Campaign for Capture of Calais Has Been Commenced.

British on the Offensive in Flanders, Capturing Many Prisoners—Allies Have Made Gains at Yser and Have Suffered Loss at Ypres—British Ship Sunk by Submarine—Reported That Movement is on Foot by Neutral Nations to Bring About Peace Between Belligerents.

FRENCH ADVANCE SLOWLY.

They Are Stubbornly Hammering at German Lines.

Special to The Daily Item.

Paris, April 23.—Bit by bit the French are cutting into the German wedge, at St. Mihiel. They have captured two lines of trenches in Apremont forest that are regarded as important. While the official Communique states that nothing new has occurred, unofficial reports state that violent fighting is in progress at Apremont. The Germans are launching repeated desperate attacks to regain their lost trenches. The battle along the Alsace cliffs and in the valleys of Vosges continues. The French claim gains on both banks of the Fecht river.

Carpathian Campaign Resumed.

Petrograd, April 23.—Weather conditions in the Carpathians are improved and the Russians have resumed the offensive at Uszok pass, using heavy artillery. The Teutons have been heavily reinforced west and east of Uszok pass and are making frequent attacks, but are being repulsed. The Teuton offensive from Dunajec has apparently been completely blocked. The Russians are pressing the enemy back from Gorlice with heavy losses.

German Steamers Attack Fleet.

Petrograd, April 23.—Russian airmen bombarded the Germans at Plock and Miawa Thursday, causing serious damage in retaliation for the attack by the German aviators at Warsaw Wednesday. The Russian aviators returned undamaged.

Attack Resumed.

Athens, April 23.—British and foreign warships are bombarding Smyrna and the Dardanelles forts simultaneously. Four British warships penetrated the straits Thursday, shelling the forts on both sides. Others bombarded the European fortifications from Saros gulf.

French Capture Trenches.

Paris, April 23. (Official).—Fresh attacks by the French in the forests of Allis, south of St. Mihiel, resulted in the capture of seven hundred yards of German trenches. It is admitted that in the Yser region the French were driven back by the German using asphyxiating bombs, but in later counter attacks the French regained the lost ground.

Big Naval Battle.

Montreal, April 23.—An evening paper states that a tanker there has received a cablegram that a big naval battle is raging in the North sea.

French Gain at St. Mihiel.

Berlin, April 23 (Official).—The Germans have made marked gains in Flanders Thursday, capturing the villages of Langemark, Steenstrawd, Hetsas, and Pilliken. It is admitted that the French have made gains near St. Mihiel, where the enemy penetrated a section of German trenches between Ally Forest and Apremont. A part of the French forces were later driven out, but some managed to maintain their foothold.

GERMANY BITTERLY RESENTFUL.

Berlin, April 24.—"America is openly assuming an attitude of hostility and therefore cannot be the arbitrator of peace," declared Count Ernest Von Reventlow, the famous military and naval expert today. His utterances are usually regarded as having the highest endorsement in official circles. "The United States," the Count says, "continues to assist the Allies by furnishing arms and war munitions, and no one in Germany believes the United States is loyal to neutrality."

German Gains in Flanders.

Berlin, April 24.—News dispatches from Brussels report that tremendous losses have been inflicted upon the Allies in Flanders. The Germans are

steadily gaining ground, in some places from four to seven miles. The English infantry, south of Langemarck, were fired upon by their own guns, suffering heavy losses before the mistake was discovered.

Drive for Calais.

London, April 24.—Military experts believe that the Germans have renewed their drive for Calais. It is apparent that Germany, though weakened by the burdens of both the Western and Eastern warfare are still able to fight vigorously. It is estimated that the Germans have a half million men in Flanders. This army is being steadily reinforced by withdrawals of troops from the east. Berlin reports that there are five million more men in Germany to draw upon if necessary. While still believed that a naval battle in the North sea is imminent, attention is now riveted on the German drive toward Calais.

Canadians at The Front.

London, April 24.—The British in Flanders have taken the offensive with hard fighting at Landmarck. The Canadian division is in the front line, leading the counter attacks against the Germans. Four Canadian forty-seven inch guns were captured by the Germans but were recaptured by the Canadians in a fierce onslaught. The Canadians are losing many prisoners. The Canadians saved the day but lost heavily.

Peace Propaganda Reported.

Berlin, April 24.—Influential representatives of neutral governments will soon gather in the United States to inaugurate a wide-spread propaganda for peace in Europe. The movement is said to have the private indorsement of President Wilson. Scandinavian publicists originated the plan, which is encouraged by prominent men in Holland, Italy and Spain.

Natives Defend India.

Simla, April 24.—Native British troops met the Mohammedans first assaults in attempting to invade India. They defeated the invaders, inflicting heavy losses.

Allied Attack on Ypres Fails.

Berlin, April 24 (Official).—The allies attempt to regain the lost ground at Ypres has failed. The Germans stormed Dizerne on the west of the Ypres canal, taking over two thousand prisoners.

British Freighter Sunk.

London, April 24.—The British freighter was sunk by a submarine on Wednesday. The crew was rescued.

Regain Lost Ground.

Paris, April 24 (Official).—The allies have recaptured a part of the lost ground in the Yser region. They have repulsed attacks south of Verdun at Eparges, and Tate de Vaches. The French inflicted heavy losses on the enemy at the Forest of Pamey and at Reichackerkopf. Alace, where a German attack was completely checked.

Armenians Massacred by Turks.

Tabriz, April 24.—Hundreds of Armenians at Vilayet Van were massacred by the Turkish troops. Many towns were sacked.

Finnish Steamer Sunk.

Stockholm, April 24.—The Finnish steamer Frack was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine in the Gulf of Bothnia. The ship had a cargo of iron. The crew was saved.

Big Battle at Ypres.

Paris, April 24.—The Germans have lost heavily in the fighting about Ypres. The fighting continues over a battle front of eleven miles. The German attacks seem weakening under the massed allies' artillery fire and are being forced back. It is estimated that the Germans lost nine thousand men in forcing the passage of Ypres canal. The village of Poel-

FORMER RECORDS SMASHED.

SEVERAL HIGH SCHOOL RECORDS MADE AT HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC MEET.

Pickens Wins First Place, while Second Gose to Greenville—Seaborn Individual Star of Day—Boys are Guests of University.

Columbia, April 24.—Events of the South Carolina Intercollegiate High School track meet held yesterday in Columbia broke one national interscholastic record and two Southern records.

Colie Seaborn of Pickens, the individual star of the day, threw the junior discus 153 feet four inches, which is three feet four inches better than a record of 150 feet even, made by L. Whitney of the Worcester academy in a meet at Travers Island, N. Y., June 7, 1911. This same young man ran the 100-yard dash in 10 2-5 seconds; won first place in the pole vault; did the 220-dash in 23 1-5 seconds and took second place in the running broad jump. He made a total of 23 points and his team, the Pickens high school, won first place in the meet.

McQueen of Clio smashed records when he made six feet one inch in the running high jump. This record falls short of the national interscholastic record by only 2 3-8 inches and it is 3 3-4 inches better than the S. I. A. A. record, made by Anderson of Vanderbilt in the annual S. I. A. A. meet of 1905.

McManus of Greenville ran the 120 low hurdles in the very fine time of 15 3-5 seconds.

With 33 points Pickens, its first year in the meet, won first place, largely through the work of young Seaborn. Greenville, materially aided by Szabo's two firsts, came second with 25 points. The totals of other teams that scored follow: Clio, 12; Westminster, 5; Easley, 5; Furman Fitting school, 5; Batesburg, 4; Lancaster, 4; Clover, 3; Richland, 1; Spartanburg, 1; Ninety-Six, 1.

The 120 young men who came to Columbia for the oratorical contest and athletic meet were entertained by the University of South Carolina while here and the meetings and contests were all held on university grounds.

The records of the meet follow: One hundred yard dash: Seaborn (Pickens, first, 10 2-5 seconds; Heustiss (Clio), second; Hough (Lancaster), third.

Shot put: Willis (Westminster), 36 feet one-half inch; Looper (Pickens), second; Storey (Ninety-Six), third.

Eight hundred and eighty yard race: McManaway (Greenville), two minutes, 23 seconds; Boggs (Pickens), second; Wright (Batesburg), third.

Discus: Seaborn (Pickens), first, 153 feet, four inches; Lawrence (Clover), second; McManus (Greenville), third.

Four hundred and forty yard run: Szabo (Greenville), first, 56 3-5 seconds; Watson (Batesburg), second; McManaway (Greenville), third.

Pole vault: Seaborn (Pickens), first, ten feet, five inches; Stackhouse (Clio), second; Anderson (Easley), third.

Low hurdles (120 yards): McManus (Greenville), first, 15 3-5 seconds; Anderson (Easley), second; Curtis (Pickens), third.

Broad jump (running): Szabo (Greenville), first, 20 feet, 6 1-4 inches; Seaborn (Pickens), second; Smith (Easley), third.

Two hundred and twenty yard dash: Seaborn (Pickens), first, 23 1-5 seconds; Hough (Lancaster), second; Heustiss (Clio), third.

High jump (running): McQueen (Clio), first, six feet, one inch; Curtis (Pickens), second; Atis (Richland), third.

Five mile run: Hubbard (Furman Fitting school), first, five minutes, 5 4-5 seconds; Going (Greenville), second; Thomas (Spartanburg), third.

capelle which was occupied by an advance guard of Germans has been recaptured by the English, after a fierce hand to hand five hour battle. The French offensive in the Vosges is meeting with continued success. The village Embermenil has been recaptured by the French. Practically all of the forest of Aisly is in the hands of the French, but Germans are holding tenaciously to their trenches in the forest of Apremont, where terrific fighting continues.

Russians at Uszok Pass.

Petrograd, April 24.—The Russians forced their way within two and a half miles of the northern entrance of Uszok Pass, and are shelling the town of Sianki and the heights occupied by the Teutons. The Russians captured an important hill by storm after four fierce charges.

LIVE WIRE KILLS BOY.

JAMES PAYNE MCCOWN ELECTROCUTED AT ANDERSON.

Live Wire Wraps About His Body Causing Instant Death—Mother's Efforts to Release Her Son Unavailing.

Anderson, April 24.—James Payne McCown, aged 13 years, second son of S. A. McCown, a large merchant here, was electrocuted in the basement of the McCown home, one mile east of Anderson, at noon today. Mrs. McCown detected the odor of burning cloth and went into the basement. She found her son on the cement floor with his clothes on fire, with an electric light cord wrapped around his body. She attempted to unwind it from the boys' body and was knocked down by the current. Two men in the yard were called and both were knocked down when they caught hold of the boy's body. The wire was then jerked loose from the connection.

Physicians were called, but evidently the boy had been instantly killed.

A coincidence is that young McCown and Ernest Cochran, who accidentally killed himself three days ago, were classmates and exactly the same age. Another coincidence is that the former county treasurer, James M. Payne, grandfather, and for whom the lad was named, died eight months ago today.

The insulation on the thumb switch of the light was broken and it is believed this caused young McCown's electrocution.

AT THE UNIVERSITY.

Basketball Team off on Trip—High School Boys Entertained—Oratorical and Debating Contests.

Columbia, April 25.—The University of South Carolina played two baseball games against the Wake Forest, N. C., aggregation this week. The Gamecocks easily won the first match, but in the second game the Tarheels reversed their form and piled up a heavy score against Carolina. The varsity team left Thursday for a week on the road and will play colleges in North Carolina and Virginia.

Over forty high schools participated in the annual athletic and oratorical contests held at the University on Thursday and Friday of this week. The oratorical contest was held in the chapel auditorium and was largely attended.

Dr. William Spencer Currell, president of the University of South Carolina, addressed the Civic Club at its bi-monthly meeting this week.

The University's "Flying Squadron" held its preliminary contest this week to select a Carolina man to represent it in the State prohibition oratorical contest to be held in Spartanburg next month. Also, four men were selected at the same time who spoke at the Columbia Theatre last Sunday evening.

The annual intrasociety oratorical contest of the Euphradian Society was staged last Saturday night, the contest proving to be one of the best the society has held in several years. The intrasociety debates and declaimers' contests will occur later, as will the Gonzales Oratorical contest to select the best orator at Carolina.

Next week the University sends out five orators and debaters to enter intercollegiate contests. J. S. Dudley, of Columbia, and J. S. McInnes, of Darlington, debate the University of Georgia at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Raymon Schwartz and Ashley Merrimon, both of Sumter, go to Athens, Ga., to meet the University of Tennessee. These four men are all exceptionally good college debaters, and Carolina men are confident that they will take off a good share of the honors in this year's triangular debate. Haddon Johnson, of Aiken, goes to Rock Hill to represent the University in the annual contest there of the South Carolina Intercollegiate Oratorical Association.

WON'T CHANGE POLICY.

Jurisdiction Over Panama and Colon Not Needed.

Washington, April 24.—Despite recommendations by the war department and Latin-American bureau, it was indicated today that the United States would not assume police jurisdiction of the cities of Colon and Panama. The treaty with Panama provides for such a course should it be deemed advisable, but it was intimated the administration would not alter the previous policy of the government.

TURKS SLAYING CHRISTIANS

Armenians Suffer Loss of Five Thousand Lives and Home and Property Destroyed.

Russians Bombard Bosphorus on One Side, While Allies Shell Ports of Dardanelles on Other—Land Troops Will Aid in Attack—In Flanders Situation Calls for Presence of Kaiser, Who is Going to Scene—Germans Have Taken Prisoners and Are Holding Their Ground.

PEACE DELEGATES STOPPED.

Forty Americans to Hague Conference Ask United States to Protest Against British Action.

London, April 26.—The liner Noordam with forty American delegates to the Hague peace conference aboard was held up by a British order and anchored off Ramsgate. The Americans appealed to Ambassador Page to ask the United States to protest so the delegates may reach Rotterdam Wednesday, when the conference opens.

ITALY WON'T FIGHT.

Official Says Country Will Gain More by Neutrality.

Rome, April 26.—"Italy will not participate in the war. By remaining neutral she will win a greater victory than would be possible were she to enter either hostile camp." This statement was made to the International News Service by an official of the Italian government who, for obvious reasons, requested that his name be not used. Important code dispatches were sent to Berlin and Vienna this morning by the German ambassador, after a conference with the Italian foreign minister.

TURKS BUTCHER CHRISTIANS.

Tale of Horror Comes From Persia and Armenia.

Petrograd, April 26.—Seven thousand and Christian Armenians killed, three thousand injured and over fifteen thousand fugitives or prisoners; twelve towns destroyed and over five hundred square miles laid waste summarize another bloody page in Turkish atrocities reported from Tiflis, Tabriz and Teheran. The report covers a period from early in January to late in March. Kurd tribesmen fighting with the Turkish army are responsible mainly for the massacres, but Turkish regulars permitted the slaughter and in some instances participated in the butchery and horrible tortures inflicted. Mothers, begging for lives of their children saw them crucified before their eyes. Oil was poured over some of the victims and fired. There was other butchery indescribable.

JAPS THREATEN CHINA.

Outlook for the Chinese Republic is Black.

Shanghai, April 26.—The Japanese minister at Peking has handed the Chinese foreign minister a note insisting upon the unconditional acceptance of the last proposal transmitted from Tokio, stating that further delay would result in the breaking off of negotiations. It is reported that three hundred thousand Japanese are massed on the Shantung peninsula anticipating a war with China.

Allies Renew Attack.

Athens, April 26.—The allied warships bombarded the Dardanelles Sunday, moving in close and drawing a hot artillery fire from the defenders.

Russians Bombard Bosphorus.

Constantinople, April 26.—The Russian fleet bombarded the outer forts of the Bosphorus for the second time on Sunday. Three Russian aeroplanes flew over the Turkish forts directing the fire. The forts were not damaged.

Kaiser Rushing to Flanders.

Amsterdam, April 26.—Kaiser Wilhelm is rushing to Flanders from the east to direct personally the operations at Ypres and along the Yser front. The most desperate efforts are indicated by the Germans to reach Calais.

German Attacks Repulsed.

Paris, April 26 (Official).—Two German attacks north of Ypres were repulsed today by the British. The Germans have renewed the bom-

bardment of the Yser. The French have made gains on the right bank of the Yser and repulsed the Germans at the Dame de Lorette. At other points the German attacks failed.

Lo, April 26.—The attack on the Dardanelles has been repulsed. A force of the allied troops has been landed.

Italian Steamer Searched.

London, April 26 (Official).—A dispatch from Cetinje confirms the report that the Italian steamer Yolande was stopped and searched by an Austrian submarine near the Albanian coast.

Thousand Canadians Captured.

Berlin, April 26 (Official).—The German auxiliary cruiser Navarre was blown up on February 11th by its captain to prevent its being captured by the British. Five thousand prisoners, including a thousand Canadians, were captured by Germans in Flanders. The Germans still occupy Lizerne, despite reports to the contrary. The Germans have captured a hill at Westerperges on the Meuse heights.

Blockade of Cameroons.

Washington, April 26.—The blockade of the German colony of Cameroons, South Africa, has been officially announced by the French ambassador as effective Sunday at midnight.

PLANS IMPROVEMENTS.

Board of Regents of State Hospital Officially Notified of Appointment of Dr. C. F. Williams.

Columbia, April 25.—The board of regents of the State Hospital for the Insane at a special session held yesterday in Columbia continued the discussion of a programme for improvement of conditions at the institution. The board was officially notified by Gov. Manning of the appointment of C. Fred Williams, M. D., of Columbia as superintendent to succeed T. J. Strait, M. D., of Lancaster. Dr. Williams will take charge of the institution on May 1.

The board yesterday discussed the matter of a water supply for the building at State Park. The supply this spring is running low and many of the patients have been brought back to Columbia.

MAY SECURE POTASH.

Germans Want Guarantee That It Will Not Be Used in Manufacture of Ammunition.

Berlin (via London), April 25.—Negotiations with the United States for the removal of the German prohibition of the exportation of potash salts have reached a stage where a successful issue seems probable. Germany some time ago interrupted potash shipments to the United States until satisfactory guarantees were arranged that they would not be used in the manufacture of ammunition for the allies.

The German proposal, which seems to be capable of acceptance by the United States, is that potash exported in exchange for cotton cargoes be consigned to the department of agriculture at Washington under a guarantee that it will be used solely for the purpose of manufacturing fertilizers and that its distribution be supervised by inspectors who would see that none of it fell into the hands of powder manufacturers as it is charged has been the case of rubber imports from Great Britain.

KILLED BY TRAIN.

Miss Lillie Norwood Meets Death at McBee.

McBee, April 24.—Miss Lillie Norwood of this place was accidentally run over and instantly killed here this afternoon at 6 o'clock by the Seaboard Air Line train No. 18.